Refuting Claim that a ta'wiz (amulet) was found around Shaykh al-Islam Ibn Taymiyyah's Neck

A Uneducated Preachor misled the public by falsely interpreting an incident, claiming that a ta'wiz (amulet) was found around Shaykh al-Islam Ibn Taymiyyah's neck. However, the actual text states:

ان الخيط الذي كان فيه الزئبق كان في عنقه (ابن تيمية) بسبب القمل

"Indeed, the thread that contained mercury was around his neck due to lice."

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Now, who will explain to these ignorant people that "الخيط" means "thread" or "line" and "الزئبق" means "mercury"? If these poor souls had ever attended school, they would know that mercury was historically used to treat lice in hair. Since Ibn Taymiyyah had lice, some intellectually deprived Barelvis laughed at this as if celebrating their own ignorance.

My Response to Them

Shaykh al-Islam Ibn Taymiyyah's funeral procession was taken out from prison. He endured multiple imprisonments due to his fiqh (jurisprudential) and theological views. Ultimately, he was confined in the citadel of Damascus, where he remained for nearly two years until his death on the 20th of Dhul-Qa'dah, 728 AH.

During his imprisonment, he had limited resources for maintaining personal hygiene as he would have under normal circumstances. However, because he was a mujaddid (reviver of Islam), he was deliberately pressured and kept in captivity.

The reality is that a great scholar and mujaddid like Ibn Taymiyyah had to endure hardships and imprisonment. He refuted every false sect—whether Jews, Christians, atheists, Batiniyya, Sufis, Rafidah, Greek philosophers, or other misguided groups. With his profound knowledge and reasoning, he dismantled every false ideology and clarified the truth.

Hearing your laughter feels like witnessing a foolish animal rejoicing in its own stupidity.

Defending Ibni Tahymiya ra in the Light of Chemistry

Chemistry of Mercury's Effect on Leeches

A. Mercury's Affinity for Sulfur in Proteins

Mercury (Hg) has a high affinity for sulfur (S) present in the thiol (-SH) groups of proteins.

Proteins are essential for a leech's enzymes, cell membranes, and nervous system.

When mercury binds to these proteins, it denatures them, making them non-functional.

This disrupts metabolic processes, causing the leech's cells to die.

B. Enzyme Inhibition and Toxicity

Leeches, like other organisms, depend on enzymes for digestion, movement, and survival.

Mercury binds to enzymes like ATPase, dehydrogenases, and oxidases, stopping cellular respiration.

The leech becomes paralyzed and dies due to a lack of energy production.

C. Disruption of Membrane Integrity

Mercury penetrates the leech's outer membrane and damages lipids and proteins.

This leads to cell leakage, water imbalance, and dehydration, ultimately killing the parasite.

D. Possible Formation of Toxic Mercury Compounds

If mercury reacts with moisture, it may form mercuric oxide (HgO) or mercuric chloride ($HgCl_2$).

$HgCl_2$ is extremely toxic and can burn the leech's body on contact, accelerating death.

If these uneducated preachors had ever attended school, they would know these things.

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